Government regarding defence land in Seeunderabad Cantonment and Hyderabad under encroachments;

(b) if so, whether amicable settlement for exchange of the defence land with the State Government on 'land to land' basis has been reached; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per existing Defence Land Policy, transfer of Defence land is based on the principle of "exchange of land at equivalent value" and NOT on "land to land" basis. The State Government was intimated about this fact in September 1997.

Coastal defence

1106. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the steps taken to enhance coastal defence to cambat antisubversive activities and protect the country's economic interest at sea?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): India Navy Coast Guard carry out regular surveillance and patrol to protect the interest of the country. In this regard, special operations in coordination with other Central and State Government agencies are also carried out. The hardware, equipment and resources of the Navy and the Coast Guard are reviewed and updated from time to time.

Strategy for National Security

1107. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naval Chief has expressed his apprehensions about the failure at the intelligence level and has called for effective integration of civilian and military strengths in this vital area while evolving a national security strategy, as reported in the Telegraph, dated the 12th October, 1998; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take especially in view of prevailing belligerent environment?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) From time to time Government receives assessments from the armed forces and other agencies about more effective gathering and optimal use of intelligence data. Appropriate agencies of the Government analyse such suggestions with a view to furthering the interests of national security.

Budgetary allocations for Indian Armed Forces

1108. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of funds made in the General Budgets for 1997-98 and 1998-99 for various projects for all the three wings of Indian Armed Forces were adequate;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith amount spent (year-wise), till date;

(c) whether price hike in petroleum and other essential commodities as well as inflation have adversely affected the actual defence expenditure; and

(d) if so, the what extent and the incentives/facilities Government propose to give to soldiers posted at high altitude in Kashmir and China borders?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Allocation on of funds for the Armed Forces is adequate keeping in view the current committed liabilities and prioritised new acquisitions, year-wise expenditure/allocation on capital schemes is as under:

	Rs. in crores
1997-98 1998-99 (BE)	7660.40 8762.36

(c) No Sir.